

DHAKA TODAY

Food festival

Midas Mini Mart will organise a Food Festival of delicious food and snacks. Venue: H-15A, Gulshan Avenue (Next to Wonderland). Time: From 10.00am to 10.00pm.

National conference

The 14th National Conference of the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography will be held with President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Reception

Bangladesh Banks Employees Federation will accord a reception to Finance and Planning Minister M. Saifur Rahman. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 3.00pm.

Seminar

Bangladesh Institute of Tuhe Idea will hold a national seminar on 'The Tuhe Idea and Independent Development of Bangladesh'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

Ekushey programme

The inaugural ceremony of the ten-day programme organised by the Sammilito Sangskritik Jote to mark the 50th anniversary of the Language Movement will be held. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.30pm.

Discussion

Real Friendship Association will hold a discussion meeting on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day and the 50th anniversary of the Language Movement. Venue: 8, DIT Road, Malbagh Chowdhury Para. Time: 3.00pm.

Prize giving ceremony

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of St. Gregory High School will be held with Education Minister Dr. Osman Farook as chief guest. Venue: School premises. Time: 9.00am.

Drama

Saptabarna Theatre will stage a drama titled 'Chandu Bepareer Galpa'. Venue: Guide House Auditorium. Time: 11.00am.

General meeting

A general meeting of the preparatory

committee for national convention on 'Crime against Humanity' will be held. Venue: National Press Club.

Reunion

The 4th reunion of Ratanpur Parishad will be held with BRAC University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zamilur Reza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Liberation War Museum premises. Time: 4.00pm.

Photography exhibition

Alliance Francaise will organise a photography exhibition titled 'A different travel around the world with Ambassador of France Michel Lummaux as chief guest. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will continue till February 28. It will remain open from Sunday to Friday (9.00am-12.00am and 5.00pm-8.00pm) Saturday (5.00pm-8.00pm).

DHAKA TOMORROW

Discussion

A discussion on 'Drug Abuse and Terrorism' organised by Bangladesh Madakdrabya Birodhi Federation will be held with Home Minister Atif Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 4.00pm.

Prize giving ceremony

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of National Bank Public School and College will be held with Education Minister Dr. M. Osman Farook as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

Annual sports

The inaugural function of the Annual Sports Competition of B.A.F. Shaheen College, Dhaka will be held with Air Commodore Zahed Qudus as chief guest. Venue: College premises. Time: 9.00am.

Founding anniversary

On the occasion of its 11th Founding Anniversary, the Agnibina Sangsad will hold a discussion meeting. Venue: Government Science College Auditorium, Farmgate. Time: 11.00am.



Public Works Department demolished a slum at Agargaon in the city yesterday.

DCCI director Svedur dead

Svedur Rahman, Director of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) died yesterday morning. He was 66, says a press release. He left behind his mother, wife, one son, three daughters and admirers to mourn his death.

DCCI President Matiar Rahman and Members of the DCCI Board of Directors condoned the death of Svedur Rahman. On this occasion a milad mahfil will be held on February 10 after Asr prayers at his residence at 10, Gopibag, 3rd lane.

Farook Zaman

Md Farook Zaman, Regional Manager, Trade Marketing, Dhaka Region of British American Tobacco Bangladesh died at 11.40 am on February 7 at BIRDEM hospital. He was 46, says a press release.

He was hospitalised on February 4 following severe abdominal pain and was diagnosed with mesenteric vascular ischaemia.

He left behind his wife, only daughter, parents, two brothers, one sister and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

His Namaj-e-Janaza will be held today after the Juma prayers at the factory ground of British American Tobacco Bangladesh at Mohakhali in the city. He will be buried in the Shaheed Buddhijibee Graveyard, Mirpur.

ICDDR,B's fundraising event today

ICDDR,B, Centre for Health and Population Research, is organising some innovative measures to raise funds for its Hospital Endowment Fund (HEF) campaign, says a press release.

The Annual Ball to raise funds to meet the expenses for running the Centre's Cholera Hospital at Mohakhali will be held today at 7.30 pm.

Speakers at seminar Stop abuse of Sec 54 to save people from harassment

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said that the Section-54 of the code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc) is necessary for maintaining law and order in society but its abuse must be stopped.

They expressed the view at the seminar titled 'The abuse of Section 54 of the CrPc and Section 86 of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police Act' was organised by a non-government organisation 'Odhikar' and supported by the Department for International Development (DFID) of the UK and the British Council. Noted lawyers, journalists and

juveniles participated in the open discussion.

Attorney General Advocate Hasan Arif was the chief guest, while Additional Attorney General Advocate Abdur Razzaque Khan was the special guest at the seminar. Dr Tasneem Siddique, President of Odhikar chaired the seminar and read out the key-note paper.

The participants said that Section 54 of the CrPc is in force in the county since 1898. Nobody criticised this law but its abuse should be stopped to save the people from unnecessary harassment, they said.

Attorney General Hasan Arif said accountability of illegal con-

finement remain undetected since there was no initiative to identify the offenders.

Additional Attorney General Abdur Razzaque Khan said preemptive arrests under Section 54 brings success in a very few cases. He endorsed the views expressed by other participants that persons arrested under 54 should be acquitted from thana custody if there is no specific charge against him or her.

Suman, 15, an activist of Non-government Organisation Child Brigade alleged that after any clash in the locality police comes to arrest the trouble makers and if they find nobody then they arrest the teenagers from the streets.

AIUB signs MOU with UNISA

American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University of South Australia (UNISA) at its auditorium in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Prof Andrew Nafalski - head of the Department of Electrical and Communications Engineering of UNISA and Ms. Carmen Z. Lamagna, Vice Chancellor of AIUB signed the agreement on behalf of their universities.

Lamagna greeted Prof Nafalski for his presence in the programme. She expressed that this is indeed a landmark event for the

University and for everyone who is associated with its development and progress.

Prof. Nafalski said the MOU would expand the mutual cooperation between the two universities in the areas of faculty and student exchange, credit transfer and joint research.

Director-International Affairs of AIUB Ishiaque Abedin gave vote of thanks. He said in the age of globalisation, increased competition, and new thoughts, the MOU would enhance the mutual cooperation and international competitiveness and acceptability.

Raj Punnah festival begins in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cig

The nearly 300-year old traditional 'Raj Punnah' of Bomang Circle began with great festivity and enthusiasm at Bandarban yesterday.

The four-day 'Raj Punnah' festival arranged on the occasion of realising tolls by the Bomang King from his subjects was inaugurated at the new Raj Darbar premises by Cha La Pru Jimi, the eldest son of the elderly sitting king, through formally receiving tributes from subjects at 10 a.m.

Jimi inaugurated the festival, as the 86-year old 15th Bomang Chief (King) Aung Shi Pru Chowdhury could not be present due to illness.

The entire Bandarban district wore a festive and colourful look centring the punnah that has been observed by the Bomang circle since 1728 when Kong Ha Pru Chowdhury organised the festival for the first time.

'Punnah', also called 'Poyeengjara' in the local tribal Marma language, is a colourful function arranged on a special day of the year on the occasion of the realising of annual tribute by the king. On the day, the circle headmen appear before the chief with tribute from their respective areas.

Though the 'Raj Punnah' of Chakma and Circle of Rangamati and Mong Circle of Khagrachhari elapsed in course of time, that of Marma still remains today with all its appeal and attraction.

A three-day fair has also been arranged at the nearby Rajbari Maidan on this occasion.

Shai Nu Pru Chowdhury, the fourth son of the sitting Marma chief, hoped that this year the amount of tribute to be realised would be higher than the year.



Light rain or drizzle likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Jessore and Khulna and weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 9.2 degree at Srimangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.49 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.35 am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.6	14.4	53	58
Chittagong	32.2	14.5	73	57
Rajshahi	28.5	13.2	83	71
Khulna	30.0	13.7	84	58
Barisal	29.0	11.6	74	71
Sylhet	28.1	13.5	69	57
Cox's Bazar	30.0	14.8	70	61



Cha Lah Pru Jimi, the eldest son of the Bomang King, receiving tribute from circle headmen.

DUFS film festival begins tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS) has organised a film festival titled 'Face of Bengal in Cinema' to commemorate the International Mother Language Day on the 50th anniversary of the Language Movement.

The six-day long festival will begin tomorrow at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of the university. DUFS officials said at a press conference yesterday.

Language veteran Abdul Matin is likely to inaugurate the programme at about 3.30 p.m. while noted filmmakers Abdus Samad, Sheikh Niamat Ali and Morshedul Islam will also be present at the event, the organisers told a press conference held at its office in TSC.

They said Mukhi-o-Mukhosh, the first Bengali film will be screened after the inaugural session.

Shuvo Bakar and Shafiqul Alam Sujan, DUFS president and general secretary respectively addressed the press conference, among others.

A total of 16 famous Bengali films, including Nadi-o-Nari, Kacher Deyal, Aasia, Sareng Bou, Megher Anek Rong, Surjo Dighal

Bari, Chhiutir Ghanta, Basundhara, Titas Ekti Nadir Nam, Dumurer Phool, Surja Snan, Lathial, Emiler Goenda Bahini and 13 No Ustagar Lane will be screened at the festival.

Film enthusiasts are requested to collect free passes from the TSC auditorium before the show, organisers said.

Besides, a seminar on 'My Cinema in My Language' will be held at the Goethe Institute in the city at 10.00 a.m. on February 10 as part of the festival.

Prominent film critics of the country Kabir Anwar, Tareque Shahriar, Masih Uddin Shaker, moderator of the DUFS Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddique and Biplab Mostafiz will take part in discussion at the seminar.

Death anniversary

The 6th death anniversary of Nahidul Haque Khan (Titu) will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

Nahid, a student of the Rajshahi University, was shot

dead on this day in 1996 by the miscreants during non-cooperation movement.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Asar prayers at the residence of the deceased at 574, North Shahjahanpur, in the city.

Relatives, admirers and friends are requested to attend the milad to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

SC holiday

BSS, Dhaka

Holiday has been declared on February 17 for all courts of both the divisions of the Supreme Court on the account of Swarwati Puja.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Mymensingh Public Works Division
Mymensingh

Tender Notice

No. E/M-16/2001-2002

Tenders in BD Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's 1st class & 1st class electrical/mechanical contractors/contractors' firms having ABC electrical licence & supervisory certificate, Public Works Directorate, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka-enlisted 2nd class electrical/mechanical contractors/contractors' firms having BC electrical licence & supervisory certificate; Public Works Circle, Mymensingh enlisted 3rd class electrical/mechanical contractors/contractors' firms having 'C' electrical/mechanical licence & supervisory certificate, and having those licence & certificate up to date renewed for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be opened on the date of submitting tender at 12-15 PM in presence of interested tenderers. Name of work, address & the address to whom the tender is to be submitted should be mentioned on the tender envelope.

- Name of work : Supply & installation of 5 HP submersible pump motor at Dhaka Vagabond Shelter Centre. Financial year 2001-2002.
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,21,458/=
- Amount of earnest money : Tk 2,430/=
- Time limit for completion of work : 10 (ten) days from the date of issuing work order.
- Name of : Public Works Division, offices to sell & receive tender : Mymensingh/Kishoreganj/Tangail/Jamalpur/Netrakona/Sherpur.
- Last date of selling tender : 13-02-2002 (during office hours).
- Date of receiving tender : 14-02-2002 (up to 12-00 Noon).
- Ready tender schedule with Bangladesh Form No. 2911 including additional terms & conditions can be seen & purchased on payment of usual price Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) per tender schedule & Tk 25/= (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) for Form No. 2911. Contractor/contractors' firm himself/himself or his/his representative bearing authorisation letter with his signature attested by the contractor/contractors' firm can purchase the tender schedule on production of original enlistment register. But tender of any one other than the abovementioned enlisted contractors/contractors' firms of Public Works Directorate shall not be accepted.
- Attested copy of VAT registration certificate & TIN certificate and money receipt copy should be enclosed with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.
- In case, any change is made to the items of work, quantity, rate etc. in accordance with the technical approval of estimate by the higher authority, the selected tenderer shall be bound to admit it at the time of receiving work order.
- In case there happens to be more than one lowest tenderer in the tender lottery will be held on 18-02-2002 at 11-00 AM at the office chamber of the undersigned to select 1 (one) contractor. All concerned, or his/his nominated representatives are requested to attend the lottery.

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Noakhali Pourashava, Noakhali

Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II
ADB Loan No. 1376 BAN (SF)
Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
Infrastructure Implementation Section (IIS)

Memo No LGED/XEN/NOA/ST-II/2002/371

Dated: 29-01-2002

Tender Notice

No: 03/2001-2002 (STIDP-II)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under ADB Loan No. 1376-BAN (SF) towards the cost of the Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II for 22 Pourashavas, namely Bagerhat, Bansal, Brahmanbana, Chandpur, Chapainawabganj, Comilla, Faridpur, Gaibandha, Gopalganj, Jamalpur, Jessore, Jhenaidah, Madanpur, Magura, Munshiganj, Natore, Noakhali, Rajbari, Rangamati, Sirajganj, Tangail and Thakurgaon. The undersigned intends to take up under the said loan different types of works as listed below under the 2001-2002 financial year implementation program. Sealed tenders for implementation of the works are hereby invited in prescribed bidding document of STIDP-II & Bangladesh Form 2911 from the pre-qualified contractors of Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II renewal up to 2001-2002.

Interested contractors may obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 13-02-2002 from any of the offices (i) The Project Director, Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II, LGED Bhaban (Level-7), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, (ii) Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali, (iii) Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali & Head of IIS, PIU Noakhali Pourashava, (iv) Executive Engineer, Noakhali Pourashava (v) Thana Engineer, Sadar, Noakhali, (vi) Asst Engineer, Zila Parishad, Noakhali on cash payment as mentioned below (non-refundable) after obtaining written approval from the respective offices for purchase of tender documents on showing documentary evidence of their prequalification. Tenders will be received by the abovementioned offices up to 12.00 Noon on 14-02-2002. No tender will be accepted beyond this time and tenders will be opened at 12.30 PM on the same day in the receiving offices by the officers-in-charge in the presence of the tenderers, if any. The tenderer may submit their tender by post. But the tender document must reach the above offices within stipulated time. Otherwise it will not be accepted by the authority.

Interested tenderers may gather necessary information regarding tendered work from the abovementioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenderers must be accompanied by all relevant papers and earnest money @ 2.0% (two point zero per cent) of the total quoted price in favour of the undersigned in the form of BD/CDR from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

The tender will be itemwise rate quoting system. VAT & TIN registration certificates must be enclosed along with the tender. Both income tax & VAT in respect of each payment will have to be paid by the contractor as per prevailing rules and regulations of the Government of Bangladesh (GOB). Tender without VAT & TIN registration certificate will be rejected.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Tender not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.

Sl No	Package No	Name of package	Earnest money (Taka)	Cost of tender document (Taka)	Completion time for work (day)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	NKL-IS-01006	Const of Kitchan Market at Pauro Bazar Area under Noakhali Pourashava (Kitchen Shed with RCC Roof)	2% total quoted rate	1000/=	75 days.

Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali & Head of IIS, PIU, STIDP-II, Noakhali Pourashava
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Chairman, Noakhali Pourashava & Head of PIU, STIDP-II, Noakhali Pourashava